

What Is Claimed Is:

1 ^{Sub A.2.} 1. A method for compressing video data in a computer system,
2 comprising:
3 receiving a stream of data from a current video frame in the computer
4 system;
5 computing a difference frame from the current video frame and a previous
6 video frame as the current video frame streams into the computer system; and
7 storing the difference frame in a memory in the computer system.

1 2. The method of claim 1, including storing the current video frame in
2 the memory in the computer system.

1 3. ~~The method of claim 2, wherein the current video frame is written~~
2 ~~over a previous video frame in the memory.~~

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein computing the difference frame
2 includes computing an exclusive-OR between the current video frame and the
3 previous video frame.

1 5. ~~The method of claim 1, wherein computing the difference frame~~
2 ~~includes computing a difference between a block of data from the current video~~
3 ~~frame and a block of data from the previous video frame.~~

1 6. ~~The method of claim 1, wherein storing the difference frame in~~
2 ~~memory includes storing the difference frame in the memory using block~~
3 ~~transfers.~~

1 7. The method of claim 1, including compressing the video data using
2 the difference frame to produce compressed video data.

1 8. The method of claim 1, including performing a color space
2 conversion on the video data.

1 9. The method of claim 1, including using the video data in
2 compressed form in a video teleconferencing system.

1 10. The method of claim 1, including storing instructions and data for
2 the computer system in the memory.

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein computing the difference frame
2 includes computing the difference frame in a core logic chip within the computer
3 system.

1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein computing the difference frame
2 includes computing the difference frame in circuitry outside of a central
3 processing unit in the computer system.

1 ^{sub} 13. A method for compressing video data in a computer system,
2 ^{A3} _{ent} comprising:

3 receiving a stream of data from a current video frame in the computer
4 system;

5 computing a difference frame from the current video frame and a previous
6 video frame as the current video frame streams into the computer system, wherein

7 computing the difference frame includes computing an exclusive-OR between the
8 current video frame and the previous video frame;
9 storing the difference frame in a memory in the computer system;
10 storing the current video frame in the memory in the computer system; and
11 compressing the video data using the difference frame to produce
12 compressed video data.

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14. The method of claim 13, wherein the current video frame is written
15 over a previous video frame in the memory.

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1 20. The method of claim 13, wherein computing the difference frame
2 includes computing the difference frame in a core logic chip within the computer
3 system.